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SUBJ: VISIT OF FRG STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

GENEVA FOR CSCE.

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO BUDAPEST JAN 10-12, FRG STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HANS JURGEN VISCHNEWSKI PAID A VISIT TO HSWP SECRETARY AND POLITBURO MEMBER BELA BISZKU. VISIT STEMMED FROM LONG-STANDING ASSOCIATION ON PARTY BASIS THAT HE ENJOYED WITH RECENTLY DECEASED ZOLTAN KOMOCSIN, HSWP'S LEADING AUTHORITY ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. NO ONE FROM FRG EMBASSY WAS PRESENT AT TALK WITH BISZKU WHO HAD WITH HIM ISTVAN BERESZ FROM HSWP FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE.

2. BISZKU WAS AT PAINS TO ASSURE VISCHNEWSKI THAT 11TH HSWP CONGRESS, SCHEDULED FOR THIS MARCH, WOULD SEE A REAFFIRMATION OF KADAR'S POLICY AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO WAVERING OF PARTY'S DESIRE TO GO FORWARD WITH THESE POLICIES AT AN INCREASED TEMPO. AS DID REPRESENTATIVES OF GOH WITH WHOM VISCHNEWSKI MET (VICE PREMIER HUSZAR, FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MARJAI, AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
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NAGY), BISZKU UNDERSCORED GOH INTEREST IN DETENTE AND

EUROPEAN SECURITY, SEEING IN DETENTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE SELF-EXPRESSION IN MANY FIELDS. BISZKU (AND AGAIN GOH LEADERS) ALSO EMPHASIZED SATISFACTION WITH NORMALIZATION AND GROWTH OF HUNGARY'S RELATIONS WITH FRG WHICH VISCHNEWSKI INTERPRETS AS EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANCE GOH ATTACHES TO EXPANDING ECONOMIC TIES WITH FEDERAL REPUBLIC. VISCHNEWSKI ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HUNGARIANS ARE ALSO DEEPLY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING AND EXPANDING RELATIONS WITH WESTERN SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND OBVIOUSLY CONSIDER SPD AS A PRIME TARGET.

3. WE FIND IT INTERESTING THAT BISZKU SHOULD BE PARTY LEADER TO RECEIVE VISCHNEWSKI. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS (BUDAPEST 3425 NOTAL) THAT KADAR DISSATISFIED WITH ABRASIVENESS AND AMBITIONS OF PULLAI, HAS TURNED OVER FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO HIS OLD CRONY BISZKU. WE WILL BE WATCHING TO SEE WHETHER BISZKU'S MEETING WITH VISCHNEWSKI INDICATES THAT IN THE FUTURE HE WILL BE TAKING ON A LARGER ROLE IN FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. IT MAY BE THAT BISZKU HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THOSE POLICY MATTERS DEALING WITH GOVERNMENTS WHILE PULLAI IS LIMITED TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTERS RELATING ONLY TO COMMUNIST PARTIES. THIS MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS PULLAI WHO MADE SPEECH AT RECENT INTERNATIONAL COM PARTY MEETING IN BUDAPEST DEALING PRIMARILY WITH RELATIONS WITH WESTERN PARTIES AND GROUPS (BUDAPEST 3520).

4. VISCHNEWSKI, WHO CAME TO BUDAPEST AS GUEST OF FOREIGN OFFICE UNDER-SECRETARY MAJJAI, GAVE A BRIEFING TO NATO CHIEFS OF MISSION ON JAN 11. WITH EXCEPTION OF FOREGOING, WHAT HE SAID WAS MOSTLY REHASH OF MATTERS WELL KNOWN TO BUDAPEST AND TO EMBASSY BONN. MUDD

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